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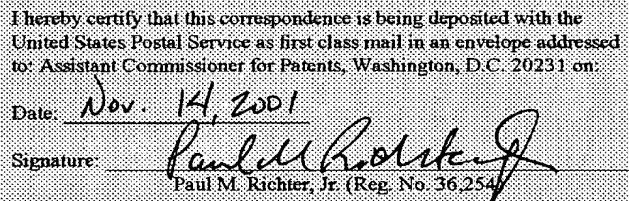
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors : Törmälä et al.
Serial No. : 08/921,533
Filing Date : September 2, 1997
For : BIOACTIVE AND BIODEGRADABLE
COMPOSITES OF POLYMERS AND
CERAMICS OR GLASSES AND METHOD
TO MANUFACTURE SUCH COMPOSITES
Examiner : Lakshmi S. Channavajjala
Art Unit : 1615

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action dated May 14, 2001, the time for response to which was initially set as August 14, 2001, which date has been extended by the concurrent filing of a petition for a three-month extension of time. The extended date for response to the Official Action therefore expires on November 14, 2001. In view of the following claim amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the final rejection of claims 1-22 and issuance of a notice of allowance with regard to each of those pending claims. Also filed concurrently herewith is a Notice of Appeal with respect to each of the finally rejected claims 1-22 that are pending in this application.